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1. AT OPENING OF SECOND DAY'S SESSION, SUBGROUP WAS PRESENTED WITH CHANGE OF SIGNALS, AS BRAZILIAN DEL LED OFF WITH PROPOSAL THAT COLOMBIAN AGENDA, APPARENTLY ACCEPTED ON FIRST DAY, BE ABANDONED SO THAT PARTICIPANTS COULD PRESENT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN FINAL DOCUMENT. THIS MANEUVER EVIDENTLY AGREED UPON AMONG LATINS INFORMALLY PRIOR TO MEETING, AND SEEMS TO BE ENCOURAGING SIGN OF INTENT TO PRODUCE RESULTS. ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, JAMAICA AND MEXICO THEN MADE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FINAL DOCUMENT, ANDNES DEL MADE PRESENTATIONS ON HUMAN RESOURCES, PRIVATE TECHNOLOGY, AND THE ROLE OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES. WHILE MOST LATINS REACTED POSITIVELY TO US CONTRIBUTIONS, JAMAICA OBJECTED STRONGLY TO POINTS ON PRIVATE TECHNOLOGY. PLENARY SESSION ADJOURNED IN LATE AFTERNOON SO THAT DRAFTING GROUP COULD WORK ON FINAL DOCUMENT, USING BRAZILIAN SUBMISSION AS A STARTING POINT.

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2. JAMAICA ONCE AGAIN MANAGED TO ISOLATE ITSELF BY TRYING TO FORCE DRAFTING GROUP INTO TIGHT SCHEDULE. PARTLY AS REACTION TO SOMEWHAT OVERBEARING JAMAICAN ATTITUDE, SEVERAL LATINS SEEMED TO GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO RESIST SCHEDULE SUGGESTED BY JAMAICA AND TO MAKE ACCOMODATING GESTURES TOWARD US. UPSHOT WAS THAT DRAFTING NOW SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION MORNING OCT 4. INTENT IS THAT PLENARY APPROVE FINAL DOCUMENT FRIDAY AFTERNOON SO THAT SATURDAY SESSION WILL BECOME UNNECESSARY.

3. DRAFTING SESSION LATE OCT 3 MADE LITTLE PROGRESS, BOGGING DOWN PARTICULARLY ON PORTUGUESE/SPANISH/ENGLISH NUANCES. GENERAL ACCORD REACHED FOR DRAFTING GROUP TO AGREE ON SUBSTANCE OF REMAINING POINTS, LEAVING COLOMBIANS (WITH HELP OF LOCAL EMBASSIES) TO POLISH LANGUAGE NEXT WEEK AFTER FOREIGN DELS HAVE LEFT. EVEN WITH THIS DEVICE, TEXTS RECOMMENDED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES COULD MAKE FINAL DOCUMENT LONG AND TEDIOUS UNLESS SOME SEVERE EDITING TAKES PLACE. SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTED SOLELY AT US, MAINLY SEEKING SPECIFIC AND QUANTIFIED BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE COMMITMENTS. IN DRAFTING GROUP WE APPARENTLY HAVE WON LATIN AGREEMENT TO GENERALIZE THESE REFERENCES TO EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE SOURCES.

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